

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the present application. The Examiner considered the arguments set forth in the previous Amendment dated June 30, 2004, however the Examiner did not find the arguments to be persuasive. Accordingly, claims 1-11 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mano et al. (US Patent No.: 5,793,366) in view of Lawande et al. (US Patent No.: 6,405,247).¹ The Examiner makes a few new arguments in the *Response to Arguments* section of the present Office Action.

In summary, Applicant responds to the Examiner's new arguments substantially based on previously submitted arguments, as set forth below.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant maintains the previously submitted argument that neither Mano nor Lawande, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggest at least, "receiving a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server devices from the server devices by the client device and displaying the change in the operation state of specific server device on a screen thereof," as recited in claim 1. The Examiner continues to rely on the graphical user interface (GUI) 10 shown in Figures 1 and 2 of Mano as allegedly satisfying the claimed client device which receives a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation state from the server devices. There is nothing in Mano to teach or suggest that the GUI 10 is, in fact, a client device in the system of Mano. Further, even if, *assuming arguendo*, the GUI 10 is part of a computer in the system shown therein, there is nothing in Mano that teaches or suggest that the computer that includes the GUI would have

¹ Actually, in the previous Office Action, claim 11 was not rejected, but was only objected to.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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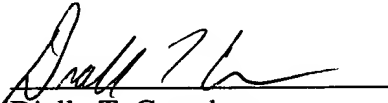
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